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SUBJECT: TRANSGABON RAILROAD BID REVIEW - USG REPRESENTATIVE

REF: A. ABIDJAN 5175; B. STATE 13694

1. WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL HAVE USG REP WITH STRONG  
RAILROAD DESIGN ENGINEERING BACKGROUND PLUS FAMILIARITY

TRANSGABON RAILROAD AT BID REVIEW COMMENCING JUNE 28  
LIBREVILLE. ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT HAVE SUCH REP AT  
OPENING SESSIONS TO EVALUATE OUTLOOK FOR EQUITABLE TREAT-  
MENT U.S. BIDS AND - PARTICULARLY AT THIS POINT IN RE-  
VIEW PROCESS - TO ENSURE GENERAL ELECTRIC BID LOCOMOTIVES  
IS GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION.

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2. EVEN THOUGH BERGIER EXPERTISE MAINLY IN CONSTRUCTION,

HE HAS DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE EQUIPMENT AND FAMILIARITY TRANSGABON PROJECT TO MAKE HIM ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE USG REP AT REVIEW BIDDING BOTH EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, WILLING ACCEPT EQUALLY QUALIFIED, SUBSTITUTE WITH FLUENT FRENCH IF REDSO CAN MAKE HIM AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR OPENING SESSION REVIEW PROCESS.

3. USG REP TO TRANSGABON BID REVIEW SHOULD BE PREPARED SPEND AT LEAST ONE WEEK LIBREVILLE TO :  
(1) FOCUS ON LOCOMOTIVE BID REVIEW; (2) EVALUATE GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR ENTIRE REVIEW PROCESS; (3) FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS USG CONTINUING ROLE IN REVIEW. SISCO

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